

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

August 8, 2012

REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

Preparation for First Day of School: Dr. Bourff reviewed information on Back-to-School events. This information is also available online. Staff retreats are taking place in the buildings this week. Monday, August 13th is the first day back for teachers, and there will also be many Open Houses that evening. The first student day is Tuesday, August 14th. Dr. Bourff stated that students will be welcomed back to a new organization with the Pre-K to 4 and 5-8 configurations.

ACTION ITEMS

Request to Advertise: Approval of the request to advertise the 2013 Budgets as expressed in Form 3, approval of the request to advertise the Notice to Taxpayers of Public Hearing for the 2013–2024 School Bus Replacement Plan, and approval to advertise the Notice to Taxpayers of Public Hearing for the 2013–2015 Capital Projects Plan.

2012-2013 Cash and Tuition Rates: Approval of the Student Transfer and Cash Tuition Rates for the 2012-2013 School Year.

Permission to Advertise: Granted permission to advertise the 2011 Annual Financial Report.

Cabin and Caboose Committee: Approval of the Resolution for RCS to dispose of the Caboose located at Highland Heights and approval of the recommendation to donate the Caboose to the Richmond Area Railroaders Society. The Railroaders Society has agreed to remove and restore the Caboose at their own expense. The Caboose will be relocated to the Depot District. Mr. Codrington reported that the Cabin at Garrison does not have a monetary value and that the cost to relocate it would be approximately \$65,000. After reviewing options, the committee determined that input from elementary and intermediate principals on the level of interest in the Cabin would be sought.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: July 25, 2012 Board Meeting and July 25, 2012 and August 6, 2012 Executive Sessions.

Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Extra Duty Employment, Resignations, Extra Duty Resignation, Separation of Service, and Permission to Employ Prior to Next Board Meeting.

Common Wage Committee: Approval of the Common Wage Scale adopted by the Common Wage Committee at the July 23, 2012 meeting regarding the minimum wage that must be paid on upcoming projects.

WORK SESSION

Head Start: Dr. Kathy Parker reviewed the Head Start organizational flow chart, the budget justification, and the timeline for implementation of the program. A copy of the grant is available online. Dr. Parker stated that the grant requires a 20% match, which can include in-kind services, and that the use of General Fund dollars is not anticipated. The academic benefits include preparing students academically, socially, and behaviorally for kindergarten. The program is authorized for 306 students and 9 teachers. There will be a 17:1 ratio with morning and afternoon sessions four days a week. The recipient of the grant will receive items that Head Start currently owns, such as playground equipment and buses. The grant, which is for five years, will be awarded in October. The first year budget includes start-up costs. Dr. Bourff stated that this is an opportunity to streamline instructional and social support for preschool children that will benefit not just the students of Head Start, but also the City of Richmond. There was discussion on the eligibility requirements to apply for the grant, the additional responsibilities for current administrators, the financial impact of using the C. R. Richardson building, sharing the C. R. Richardson building with other youth serving agencies, parental involvement, expanding the conversation to include the future of the current preschool program, and other topics.

MASTER PLANNING

Projects Update: Mr. Ron Maze presented an update on the Test, Elizabeth Starr Academy, Baxter, Hibberd, Crestdale, and Dennis projects. All buildings are ready for the first day of school. The new addition at Crestdale will be ready to move into by Fall Break. The Baxter building will be known as Community Youth Services at Baxter. There was discussion on parking at Elizabeth Starr Academy, the role of teachers throughout the district during the transition, student security and safety, parents contacting the Transportation Department in response to the request made at the last Board meeting, and other topics.

FOLLOW UP-OLD BUSINESS

School Grade Classification: The Department of Education will release the A-F letter grades in mid-August, and the growth model data will be released soon after that. Dr. Parker reviewed how the grades are calculated.

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